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National Security Council Intelligence Committee

Working Group

Minutes of the Third Meeting
1430 Hours, 12 April 1972
DCI Conference Room, CIA Headquarters

Mr. Bronson Tweedy, D/DCI/IC, Chairman, presiding. Members present were: Mr. Andrew Marshall, NSC Staff; Dr. Ray S. Cline and Mr. Seymour Weiss, Department of State; Dr. Albert Hall, Lieutenant General Donald V. Bennett and Brigadier General Richard Breznahan (for Vice Admiral John Weinell), Department of Defense; Mr. Kevin T. Maroney, Department of Justice; Dr. Edward W. Proctor and Mr. John W. Huizenga, CIA. Others present: Mr. Richard Curl, Department of State; Mr. Bernard A. Wells, Department of Justice, and [REDACTED] CIA.

Agenda Item 1: "Production of Economic Intelligence."

Discussion centered about the need expressed by Mr. Marshall for information as to economic intelligence production other than that covered in the DDI/CIA report distributed to the Working Group, which described the output of OER/CIA. Need for additional support for the CIEP, particularly with respect to knowledge of foreign positions in international negotiations was discussed at some length. Dr. Cline suggested consideration of the formation of an Intelligence Group to support the Operations Group of the CIEP. It was agreed, that, prior to any further consideration of action recommendations INR should provide a report on economic intelligence activities in the Department of State and DDI/CIA should provide a report on economic intelligence production in other departments--Treasury, Commerce and Agriculture.

A brief D/DCI/IC report, "Resource Use in Economic Intelligence Production, FY-1971" was distributed as background data. This expanded on economic information contained in the D/DCI/IC report, "U.S. Intelligence Production Resources" (Agenda Item 3).

Agenda Item 2: "U.S. Intelligence Activities Relating to International Narcotics Traffic."

Mr. Maroney proposed, and the Working Group agreed, that consideration of possible action recommendations be deferred pending completion of the CCPC study of intelligence activities

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against narcotics and dangerous drugs. The CCPC report is expected to be ready for USIB consideration in early May. Deferment of further action until the CCPC report became available had been recommended in the D/DCI/IC study, subject as above, which had been distributed to Working Group members on 23 March.

Agenda Item 3: "U.S. Intelligence Production Resources"

No changes were proposed in the D/DCI/IC study, subject as above, which had been distributed 30 March 1972 and discussion focused on the need for development of criteria against which intelligence products could be evaluated. Comments centered around three aspects of production assessment -- the matter of duplication, the measurement of quality, and the importance of limiting reviews to subjects which were manageable in scope. Dr. Hall suggested that a target such as China would be suitable for the initial study. The Chairman noted the Group was most interested in ascertaining what consumers thought of intelligence products, and several members commented on the importance of assessing production quality in terms of consumer needs, the availability of information and the pressure of deadlines. It was agreed the initial step would be development of terms of reference for review of production as a function, after which the specific topic or subject area to be examined could be selected. Dr. Hall agreed to prepare such terms of reference and indicated he would call upon State, CIA, and the NSC Staff for assistance.

The Group also decided that an examination of current intelligence publications was in order, with particular attention to the extent of duplication. The Chairman stated that the PRG/IC staff would develop an inventory of current intelligence publications as basis for further Working Group action.

Other business:

Mr. Marshall reported that the evaluation of intelligence inputs during the India/Pakistan crisis of 1971, for which he has responsibility, should be in draft by early May. The report will examine expressions of top-level needs for intelligence and will pay particular attention to any areas in which the intelligence response may have been inadequate.

Mr. Marshall also advised the Group that the report on the adequacy of intelligence support for NSSM-69 should be completed by mid-May. One panel is examining issues relating to strategic forces and another the issues involved in intelligence inputs on conventional forces. The panels include personnel who

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were involved in preparation of the NSSM-69 intelligence inputs as well as analysts who had no previous connection with the study.

Draft terms of reference for the Working Group were distributed and the Chairman requested that members provide him any comments by 1 May.

The meeting adjourned at 1545 hours. No date for the next session was set.


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